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HAMPSHIRE  
PASTORAL AREA**

SERVING THE PARISHES OF  
ANDOVER, BASINGSTOKE,  
HOOK, TADLEY AND BURGFIELD



**HOLY GHOST PARISH**

BASINGSTOKE

**St. Bede's Church**

Popley Way, Basingstoke,  
RG24 9DX

**Holy Ghost Church**

Sherborne Rd. Basingstoke.  
RG21 5TX

**Sacred Heart Parish**

Sacred Heart Church  
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RG27 9LA

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**20th March 2016**

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**Psalter Week 2**

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**Thought for the Week**

Today, Palm Sunday, is the sixth and last Sunday of Lent and marks the beginning of Holy Week for us. Officially the Church calls this day Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion. There is a dichotomy in this name that we must acknowledge for it reflects, in many ways, who we are and how we sometimes act.

On the one hand is Palm Sunday, a time of celebration that marks Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It is a time of joy and celebration and we all festively raise our palms in salute to our King. However, as the readings continue, the mood turns somber with the reading of the Passion of the Lord.

As we stand for this Gospel, and play a part, we call out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" What a change, beginning with Hosanna! and ending with condemnation. Although we may be intellectually aware that we are playing the part of the people of Jesus' time, we really must reflect on whether this also represents how we can be today.

Do we glorify Christ at one moment, but then condemn him through our own actions, our own inability to fulfil His expectations for us? Of course we do. As Lent culminates and Easter comes upon us, it is time for us to admit our sins and to vow as good stewards to live out the love to which the Lord has called us. Jesus made His sacrifice for us with determination to save us. Should we not show the same fortitude in converting our lives?

*Taken from 'Catholic Steward. Com'*

**MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>20th March -Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (Psalter Week 2)</b>			
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Biagio & Rosa Converso RIP (Harper)
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Michael Colley RIP (Colley)
	6.30 pm	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish
Mon 21st	9.30 am	Fr C		Funeral Service at the Crematorium
Tues 22nd	11.00 am	Fr C		Chrism Mass in the Cathedral, Portsmouth
Wed 23rd	9.30 am	Fr C	HG	Maria Abraham RIP (Vadakkal)
<b>Thurs 24th</b>	<b>The Lord's Supper</b>			
	8.00 pm	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish
<b>Fri 25th</b>	3.00 pm	Fr C	SB	Passion of The Lord
<b>Sat 26th</b>	10.00 am	Fr C	SB	Blessing of Polish Food
<b>Easter Vigil</b>	8.00 pm	Fr C	SB	People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27th March Easter Sunday</b>			
	9.00 am	Fr C	SB	Sick & Housebound of the Parish
	11.00 am	Fr C	SB	Deceased Members of the Parish

**(Please note: No 6.30 pm Mass)**

SB = Saint Bede's Church HG = Holy Ghost Church

**Before Mass:** Pray to God; **During Mass:** Listen to God.

**After Mass** in the cloister area: Talk to everyone.

If you are visiting our Churches of St. Bede's or Holy Ghost, you are most welcome.

**HOLY WEEK** *“Christ redeemed mankind and gave perfect glory to God principally through His paschal mystery; by dying He destroyed our death and by rising He restored our life. The Easter Triduum (three days) of the Passion and Resurrection of Christ is thus the culmination of the entire liturgical year.*



## THE TRIDUUM

**Holy Thursday: 8 pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
Washing of Feet  
Followed by Watching at the Altar of  
Repose for one hour .

*'Could you not watch with me one hour'*

**Good Friday: 3 pm** Commemoration of the Lord's Passion  
Fasting: all aged 18-60 yrs old are urged  
to fast and abstain on this Significant day.  
To fast is to reduce the amount of food we  
eat. To abstain is to give up a particular  
kind of food.

Special collection TODAY for the  
Holy Places. Please give generously. Your  
donation will directly help in the care,  
protection and preservation of the sites  
associated with the life, death and  
Resurrection of Jesus in the Holy Land.

**Holy Saturday: 10.00 am** Blessing of Polish Easter Baskets  
Swieconka

**Easter Vigil: 8 pm** Solemn Mass

**Easter Sunday: 9 am and 11 am** Masses only  
There is **no** 6.30 pm Mass

**Please note: ALL SERVICES AT ST. BEDE'S CHURCH**

### HOLY WEEK SERVICES ON THE INTERNET

Please pray for the Sick and housebound in our Parish, and all those who are currently in Hospital.

The sick and housebound can watch the Holy Week ceremonies live online at [stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk](http://stbedesbasingstoke.org.uk)

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

For the Easter Triduum only, would all Eucharistic Ministers and Readers please 'sign in' on the clip board which will be placed just outside the Confessional.

### EASTER COLLECTIONS

Tradition holds that the Easter Offerings are your opportunity for a personal gift to our Priest. This is the main source of their annual income.

### BIG CHURCH CLEAN FOR EASTER

On Thursday 24th March at 10 am. Please come and help our usual team of cleaners to give St. Bede's a clean up for Easter. Come join our mops, dusters & hoover brigade !

### PARISH DIARY:

Sun: Music: 9am Choir: 11 am Filipino: 6.30 pm Priest Led  
Repository after the 9 am & 11 am Mass  
Refreshments after 11 am Mass only.

**CAKE SALE** TODAY after the 11 am Mass. Proceeds go to CAFOD

Mon: 9 am Choir Practice 7.30 pm SB

Tues: Toddler Group meet 1.30—3.15 pm SB  
Repository open 9—3 pm SB

### SIGNIFICANT WEDDINGS 2016

Are you celebrating a 25<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup> or Anniversary over 60 years? If so Bishop Philip would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration. This will take place at St Bede's Church on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 11 am, or send an email to [anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or contact Liz Murphy in the Parish office on 01256 465214



### SYRO-MALABAR MASS

In Holy Ghost Church on Sunday 27th March at 12 noon.

### FUNERALS

Funeral Service for Jean Gavin RIP on Monday 21st March at 9.30 at Basingstoke Crematorium.

Funeral Service for Eileen Ennever RIP on Thursday 31st March at 10.45 am in Holy Ghost Church.

We pray for their Souls, and remember their families at this sad time. May they Rest in Peace.

### CAR PARKING

If you are driving to Sunday Mass here at St. Bede's, please park sensibly—which includes not blocking the Church drive or, at the end of the zebra crossing by the Parish Office. It is unfair using the Disabled Spaces when you do not need to. We have parishioners who are unable to park, and are having to return home without attending Mass, because, they cannot get a Disabled space, this is unacceptable behaviour.

### PORTSMOUTH PEOPLE

The new edition of our Diocesan magazine is available from the cloister area. It is free and gives you a good insight into what is going on in the Diocese.

**KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA** 'Lucky Me' Winner  
Congratulations to Rodger Poole who won £25

### COLLECTIONS

Collection for last weekend amount to £2,995.69p.  
**TODAY** second collection for Easter Flowers.

### POLISH MASS

Next Polish Mass at Holy Ghost Church will take place on Saturday 16th April at 6 pm

**Please note:** we do not permit any cigarettes or E cigarette smoking on the Church premises

### AND FINALLY: DON'T FORGET

Clocks go forward on Easter Sunday morning.